

COUNTRY East Germany

SECURITY INFORMATION

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from the Cottbus-Koenigsbrueck Area

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

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On 17 June [REDACTED] about 30 T-34 tanks arrived in Cottbus. During the night on 20 June, 18 tanks passed through Cottbus by road, coming from the direction of Lieberose and proceeding toward Senftenberg. Between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. on 21 June, a column of tanks, motorcycle riflemen, and trucks with guns arrived by road from the direction of Peitz and proceeding toward Spremberg. On 22 June, numerous trucks, including trucks towing guns, were seen on the autobahn en route toward east. During the night on 21 June, nine T-34 tanks were entrained in Cottbus and left toward Halle. On the evening on 23 June, two tanks arrived from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder and went to the Sachsendorff Kaserne. <sup>1</sup> On 24 June, a train, including 1 boxcar occupied by troops and carrying 35 canvas-covered trucks, passed through Cottbus, coming from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder and proceeding toward Falkenberg. On 28 June, a train, including 1 coach and 1 boxcar and carrying 28 canvas-covered trucks, was seen en route in the same direction. Between 1 and 5 July, numerous troop trains which came from Leisnig, Chemnitz, Dresden, Bautzen, Leipzig, Grimma and other stations went to the Koenigsbrueck area. The trains allegedly carried the units, which had been employed at the various places during the rebellion and had gone there by road.

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[REDACTED] Comment. These observations, to some extent, confirm information by another source, according to which, on 18 and 19 June, the barracks installations in Cottbus were partially occupied. At the same time, the information in this report is a vague confirmation for the statement by another source that troops from Cottbus left the town toward the east. It is noted that the camp at the Forst Tauer training area apparently had not been vacated on 17 and 18 June, as had been believed, but that elements of the 9th Mecz Div arrived in the town from the direction of the training area in the morning on 21 June. It appears probable that these elements were proceeding toward Goerlitz via Spremberg. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Comment. Same source previously submitted detailed information on troop movements by rail to the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds from the garrisons mentioned between 1 and 4 July.

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